MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Am I to understand that the Police Commissioner is not aware of the actual conditions of the buses?

PRESIDENT: Oh, no. When he says that, it does not mean he is unaware whether they are worthy or not.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the Commissioner of Police whether he is aware of the fact that many of the accidents caused by the buses are due to the fact of their unworthiness?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It is only after examining the buses when they are brought for inspection and establishing their fitness that permission is granted to run them.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Commissioner of Police is addressing himself to this aspect of the matter?

PRESIDENT: That is a suggestion.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the Commissioner of Police whether the steady decrease in the number of cases charge-sheeted for the year 1109 is due to the inefficiency o the Traffic Section?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the greater number of acquittals is due to the inexperience or inefficiency of the Head Constables that conduct the prosecution?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I cannot say that.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know what the Government meant by saying "bus and car incidents" occurring in appendix III?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): That is a printer's devil.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the Commissioner the number of deaths during these years?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

Malarial Tracts.

48. ***MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Sanitary Department has charted the malarial tracts in the State; and

(*b*) if so, what steps are taken to eradicate malaria from such tracts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the Chief Secretary is aware of the statement made by Dr. Gopala Pillai, the Head of the Sanitary Department, that to his knowledge there were 25 to 27 characteristic malarial places in the State?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Dr. Gopala Pillai, the Head of the Public Health Department, made that statement.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Has the Sanitary Department nothing to do with such centres?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no longer any Sanitary Department. It was amalgamated with the Public Health Department and the department now functioning is the Public Health Department.

Bridge on the Todupuzha-Kanjiramattom road.

49 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have given administrative sanction to put up a bridge in the stream across the Todupuzha-Kanjiramattom road;

(*b*) whether estimate was prepared for the same;

(*c*) whether that road has been completed if not, why not;

(*d*) whether the sanction has been withdrawn; and

(*e*) whether a foot-bridge has been provided there; if so, at what expense?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The first section of the road up to the river-crossing has been completed.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes, at a cost of Rs. 262.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the year in which it was sanctioned?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): In 1928.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*)): May I know why the estimate was not prepared for the last seven years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Because the Division Officer at Alwaye reported that it would cost a very great amount.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the member will be in a position to say the approximate amount?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 8,800.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know why the member has not answered to the second part, "if not, why not" of clause (*c*) of the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am taking the road to be in two sections. One section has been completed. I am afraid the member was speaking with regard to the road being of one section only.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the extent of the second portion of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): About 6 furlongs.

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